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In re Application of: )  
Metois, et al. ) Examiner: O. Akpati  
Serial No.: 09/535,154 ) Art Unit: 2135  
Filed: March 24, 2000 )

**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING PROCESSING STAGES  
APPLIED TO A SIGNAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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## **RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 1, 2004.

## **REMARKS**

## Summary

Claims 1-23 are pending.

Claims 1-8, 11-20, and 22-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Efron (US 4,755,884).

Claims 9 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Efron in view of Shimpuku (US 5,432,799).